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I am writing in opposition to the current terms of the proposed Microsoft/DOJ settlement.

Although there are many aspects of the proposed settlement, a particularly glaring omission is the format of files/documents created by Microsoft Office products will remain hidden and proprietary.

These files, which are essentially the intellectual property of the person/user who wrote them, cannot then be reliably used, except with the aid of a Microsoft product.

This would include letters and spreadsheets, even though undocumented Microsoft file formats form part of the Applications Barrier to Entry, described in the 'Findings of Fact', paragraphs 20 and 39.

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